

SUBSTANTIVE COMPONENTS OF FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

BIOGRAPHICAL

Information on individual persons in foreign countries who are leaders in their respective fields of endeavor. The background, personality, enthusiasms, and prejudices of such individuals constitute vital considerations in an evaluation of national strengths and weaknesses.

An ideal biographical file should contain items such as:

I. VITAL STATISTICS

- A. Full name, date and place of birth, religion, residence address, etc.
- B. General appearance: description and photographs.

II. EDUCATION AND CAREER

- A. Schools attended, degrees conferred, academic honors.
- B. Fields of study; influence of teachers; extra-curricular activities.
- C. Foreign language proficiency, foreign travel.
- D. Significant positions leading to present prominence.

III. PERSONALITY

- A. Traits governing behavior.
- B. Adaptability to new ideas and circumstances.
- C. International perspective.
- D. Attitudes and opinions: pro or anti-American.

IV. PERSONAL HABITS

- A. Eating and drinking: social circle.
- B. Recreation and hobbies.
- C. State of health.

V. FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- A. Position or influence: use in attaining ambitions.
- B. Wife, children, and relatives: their influence in his professional life.
- C. Patronage.

VI. SPEECHES AND WRITINGS.

- A. Selected excerpts.
- B. Extent to which they reflect his thought and character.